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Dear Friend of Plumas National Forest,

Enclosed is information on the Wildcat Fuels Reductions and Vegetation Management Project (Wildcat Project) that is being planned on the Mt. Hough Ranger District. An attachment is enclosed with a more detailed description of the purpose of and need for action, project objectives and location, and includes information on how to submit comments.

The Wildcat Fuels Reduction and Vegetation Management Project aims to reduce hazardous fuels; re-introduce fire, eradicate noxious weeds by spraying individual plants with herbicide and improve forest health by re-alignment towards an eastside pine dominated forest mixed with resilient conifer forest, aspen and meadows. In order to enhance water quality, restoration watershed activities target enhancing riparian and aquatic species habitat by road obliteration, decommissioning roads and repairing water drafting sites. The implementation of project activities are planned to commence in 2015 and be completed before 2022.

In development and preparation of the project, the participation of interested persons, state and local governments, and Indian tribes is encouraged at this time and throughout the process. The Mt. Hough Ranger District hosted an open house for the Wildcat Project on November 14, 2013 to introduce the project before the proposed action was fully developed, in order to incorporate ideas into the proposed action.

When the draft environmental assessment (EA) is completed, it will be mailed to those parties interested in or affected by the project, those who responded to scoping, or those who have requested to be on the project mailing list. The final EA is planned to be mailed in October 2014.

This project is subject to comment pursuant to 36 CFR 218, Subparts A and B. Please be advised, only those who submit timely project-specific written comments during this Scoping period (30 days) or subsequent comment period on the draft environmental assessment (30 days) will be eligible to file an objection. The Forest Service is initiating a Scoping period with the publication of the opportunity to comment legal notice (January 29, 2014), which is the exclusive means for calculating the 30 days. Commenters should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. Individuals or representatives of an entity submitting comments must sign the comments or verify identity upon request.



Please mail your written comments to the Mt. Hough Ranger District; Attn: Wildcat Project Leader; 39696 Highway 70, Quincy, CA 95971; delivered to the address shown above during business hours (M-F 8:00 am to 4:30 pm); or submitted by FAX (530) 283-1821. Electronic comments, in common (.doc(x), .pdf, .rtf, .txt) formats may be submitted to: comments-pacificsouthwest-plumas-mthugh@fs.fed.us with Subject: Wildcat Project. Your comments will be part of the public record subject to the Freedom of Information Act.

If you would like more information, please contact Elaine Vercruysse, Project Leader at (530) 283-7651 or Carol Spinos, NEPA Planner at (530) 532-8932.

Sincerely,

/S/ MICHAEL DONALD

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